

**MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE
REGION 1AA MEETING
COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2024**

Cabela's

12:00 Committee

The meeting was called to order by Chair Achterkirch after a brief lunch. All members were present except Matthew Wanken.

1. Approve the minutes of October 4 and 12 meetings. Motion to approve by Holcomb/Berzinski, passed.

2. Approve Region disbursements from October 4, 2023 to January 3, 2024. Motion to approve by Lind/Olson, passed.

3. Public comments. There was no one present for public comments.

4. Fall financial report. Copies of the report were distributed and the secretary summarized the finances for each tournament. It was noted that overall, expenses were up about \$1000 and receipts were down about \$20,600. Weather and matchups clearly had an impact on the soccer receipts. Football, which is the primary fall revenue source, was down significantly because we lost a game in both the 4A and 5A tournament due to fewer teams. (5 rather than 6) We have possibly lost some of the post COVID attendance rush that was experienced the past two years and streaming may also be impacting attendance. Motion to approve by Malone/Neubeck, passed.

5. Fall tournament reports. Chair Achterkirch summarized the reports that were presented at the AD meeting.

AA CC – Dave Langerud from Albert Lea had reported that things went without a hitch despite some questionable weather and a wet course.

3A CC – Marc Achterkirch from Owatonna reported that it went well despite the weather.

4A/5A FTB – Mark Kuisle said that things went well. There were some questions about moving 4A games from Saturday afternoon to Saturday evening so times and sites will need to be resolved for next year.

2A/3A B/G SOC – Jeff Whitney had reported that everything went fine. Only one game had to be moved due to a football conflict. Winona won the AA girls and Northfield won the AA boys. Lakeville North won the 3A girls and New Prague the 3A boys.

A/AA GSWD – The secretary shared that he had received some feedback from Ken Hubert who managed the GSWD. We will take a look at both girls and boys swim and dive after the boys meet in Lakeville this winter. A decision will be made at the April meeting as to how to proceed with future G/BSWD venues.

AA GTEN – Keith Badger reported that things went well. Mayo HS won the Section. Next year's team finals will be at a south site and the individual will north.

3A/4A VB – Broc Threinen reported that things went well. The Wednesdays work best for the first rounds for officials.

6. Region secretary report. The secretary reported the following:

- Thanked the fall tournament managers for the great job they did again this year. Our events run well because of their work.

- Reminded tournament managers to have an emergency action plan clearly set at each tournament site. Tournament reports should be signed and submitted within 5 days of hosted events and should include the electronic ticket report. Host sites should continue to pay the officials or submit the independent contractor forms with the tournament report.

- Audit report. The audit is complete and went well. We will get a formal copy when it is submitted to the League.

- Streaming update (fall 2023). The Region received \$6,900 in streaming fees this fall from the commercial streamers. Many of the host sites streamed with their school streamers at no fee. The viewership seemed to be substantial, especially when weather was questionable. It was noted that a number of Regions are moving toward NSPNTv as an exclusive streamer for Section events. We should continue to monitor the streaming situation and its impact on attendance.

- Triple "A" certificates/medals. The Region secretary has extra certificates if needed and the Region winner metals will be sent to the schools.

- Fair share. The fair share process was explained and the fall results were shared. Region 1AA sent \$9,794.97 to other regions and received \$23,050.47 from other regions.

7. Coops approved. The Region secretary reviewed the cooperative sponsorships that had been approved since our last meeting.

Faribault/Shattuck – SOFT

Faribault/BA/Randolph – BHOC

Faribault/BA/Shattuck – BASE, DANCE, GYM, BSWD, BTEN, B/GTRK, WRST

JM/Mayo/Century/Byron/Lourdes/Pine Island/Dover Eyota –
ADPT SOC/HOC/SOFT

Austin/Blooming Prairie/Pacelli - GHOC

8. Review and respond to the proposed Representative Assembly amendments.
There were two proposed amendments to review:

GYM – To allow year around coaching. Vote was 0 yes, 11 no. Comments:
It will surely impact other sports. Huge expectation on HS coaches.
Negative impact on multisport athletes. How are coaches to be paid?
Use the summer waiver.

DANCE – To eliminate the spring tryouts. Vote was 11 yes, 0 no.

9. Review and respond to the Fall Advisory recommendations. There were four
recommendations to review:

GTEN – To add a third class. Vote was 11 yes, 0 no. Comments: Meets the
criteria.

SOC – To resume suspended games from the point of suspension.
Vote was 11 yes, 0 no.

FTB – To seed 1-4 N and S. Vote was 11 yes, 0 no. There was
some discussion about regional representation and how it impacts travel.

GVB – To seed the State tournament 1-8. Vote was 11 yes, 0 no.

10. Triple “A” Awards – timetable review. The secretary reviewed the timeline.
Nominations due to Region secretary on January 3, selection committee to meets
January 24, Region winners due at League office on February 7, recognition
banquet March 23. This timeline was posted on the Region website.

11. Review dates and sites for 2023-24 section tournaments. The calendar was
reviewed noting the following adjustments and reminders: A BHOC semi-final will
be at the Rec Center in the evening, AA BHOC semi-final at high seed, A BDIVE at
Lakeville, 4A BASE at Dundas.

12. Review the winter calendar. Calendar was reviewed.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Manager</u>
AA Dance	Feb. 10	Kasson	B. Threinen
AAA Dance	Feb. 10	Bloomington Ken.	H.Daggett
Gymnastics A/AA	Feb. 17	JM	B Ihrke
Wrestling-Team	Feb. 15, 17	hs, MCC	M. Kuisle
Wrestling-Ind.	Feb. 24	MCC	M. Kuisle
G. Hockey-1AA	Feb. 7, 10	hs	M. Achterkirch
	Feb. 15	Owatonna	

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B. Hockey-1AA	Feb. 22, 24	hs	J. Whitney
	Feb. 29	Rec. Ctr.	
B. Hockey-1A	Feb. 20, 22	hs	J. Whitney
	Feb. 24, 28	Rec. Ctr.	
AA B. Swim/D	Feb. 21, 22, 23	Lakeville	D. Magnuson
A B. Swim/D	Feb. 21, 22, 23	Lakeville	D. Magnuson
Girls BB-3A/4A	Feb. 28, Mar. 2, 8	hs, hs, MCC	D. Greseth
Boys BB-3A/4A	Mar. 5, 9, 15	hs, hs, MCC	D. Greseth
Music	1/20, 27, 4/5	Aus., JM, Byron	A Kaus
OAP Prelims	Jan. 25, 26	KM, LS	B. Threinen
OAP Finals	Feb. 1	KM	B. Threinen

13. Meeting dates. Activities Directors and Committee - Wednesday, April 10.

14. Items from the floor. The following items were brought up at the AD meeting:

GHOC – Streaming protocol is stated in the information sent. If games can be played, they are to be played.

AAA B/GTRK – Thursday start time is 1:00. Saturday start time is at 11:00.

4A/5A FTB – Move games only if a field is not playable. 4A Saturday games to be played at 1:00. 5A Saturday games to be played at 7:00 with some flexibility if needed.

GWRST – Century is willing to host if/when the League sets the sites.

15. Adjourn. Motion by Sexauer/Malone, passed.